Home for the Holidays

Dear Friends and Supporters of the YSO:

On Sunday December 8th at 4:00pm we will continue our 2013-14 Season, Musical Milestones, with our annual Christmas Pops Spectacular. This concert, suitable for the whole family, represents a blend of tradition and innovation. On the one hand, the orchestra and chorus will perform all of your favorite Christmas classics from Leroy Anderson’s Sleigh Ride to Handel’s "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah. But on the other hand, each year we include fresh new music and present a different guest group to join the orchestra and chorus. This year, we will be joined by the Yakima Valley Community College Salsa Band under the direction of David Blink. This will, of course, add a spicy salsa flavor to the event! In addition, make sure to warm up your vocal chords and be ready to join the entire cast at the end of the concert for our traditional sing-along that includes family favorites from Joy to the World to Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer!

On Saturday December 14th at 2:00 and 7:30 pm, the Yakima Symphony Orchestra and Capitol Theatre will co-presents Tchaikovsky’s timeless classic ballet The Nutcracker. Featuring the Eugene Ballet Company and guest conductor Rin-Jong Yang, this is a must see for all children and a real treat to be enjoyed by grown-ups time and time again. In Yakima, the opportunity to see this live production only comes around once every two years, so this is the year to see The Nutcracker!

We look forward to seeing you on December 8th and 14th at the Capitol Theatre as we continue along on our journey through Musical Milestones!

Sincerely,

Lawrence Golan
The Helen N. Jewett Music Director
Yakima Symphony Orchestra

The Man Behind the YSO Photos – Gary Miller

The YSO is extremely fortunate to have Gary Miller on our creative team. Gary is the man behind the lens you see at concerts and YSO events - documenting our work, capturing images and helping to present us in our best light. You can read about Gary on our website, under the ‘Volunteers’ tab, and enjoy his photos throughout our website and in our Facebook albums. (www.ysomusic.org)
A Note from the Executive Director

As we near the end of 2013 and prepare for a new year, the coming month brings a host of traditions that highlight what is important in our lives and put in perspective where the past year has taken us. From small gatherings of family and friends to congregational or community events such as our Christmas concert at the Capitol Theatre, music often serves as a common thread to bring us together, and the Yakima Symphony Orchestra is honored to play a part in these annual celebrations.

Another tradition at this time of year is the YSO’s annual fund mail campaign. While we welcome and encourage contributions year-round - and I offer special thanks to those who have already supported our annual fund this year, particularly the members of our Conductor’s Circle - the end of the calendar year is often a convenient time to consider how our community resources enrich our lives. I hope you will consider participating in this campaign in addition to your support as a member of our audience.

After seven months with the YSO, I consider myself fortunate to have found a home in a community that values music as Yakima does - not only in the quality of performances by our professional musicians but also in the simple joy of making music together. I look forward to joining you in song at our next concert, and I wish each of you a joyous holiday season!

-David Rogers
Gift ideas from the YSO!

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Affiliate & Partnership Updates

Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra (YSO) & Yakima Ensemble for Strings (YES!)  www.yyso.org
Bruce Walker, YYSO Conductor and YSO Cover Conductor
Christy Baisinger, YES! Conductor

morricone, rossini, verdi, bellini ~ and ponchielli were in the wings
on stage musicians settled in ~ adjusting, tuning strings
the audience, too, was settling ~ eager for the start
of these, the Italian masters ~ and their music of the heart

[Continued from the epic poem, Just Add Music. To read the beginning, please visit www.yyso.org.]

Please join the YYSO and YES! for their holiday concerts and January events.

• Sunday, December 1, 2013; Winter Concert; 3:00pm at the Capitol Theatre (Free!)
• Saturday, December 7, 2013; 12:00 noon; Performance at the Yakima Valley Museum’s Holiday Open House (www.yakimavalleymuseum.org) (Free!)
• Saturday, January 4, 2014: Auditions for new students (see website for requirements and scheduling)
• Saturday, January 11, 2014: Concerto Competition (see website for requirements and application form)

The YYYSO and YES! thank you for your support of these youth symphony opportunities in our community. We look forward to seeing you at our concerts.

Yakima Symphony Chorus (YSC)
Dr. Scott Peterson, Chorusmaster

Get to know the Yakima Symphony Chorus! If you like to sing and are interested in being part of the YSC, especially tenors and basses, contact Chorusmaster Scott Peterson at choralc@gmail.com to set up an audition time.

Yakima Music en Acción (YAMA)
Stephanie Hsu, Director

All are welcome to attend our December performance at the Garfield Elementary School Holiday Show on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00pm (612 N. 6th Ave. and Fairbanks, Yakima).

YAMA is made possible through the partnership between OIC of Washington, the Yakima Symphony Orchestra and the Yakima School District, as well as the ongoing commitment of its dedicated program staff: Stephanie Hsu, Alex Pualani, Brooke Creswell, Josh Gianola and Christine Lavik.

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• Say It With Music: A Symphonic Tribute to Great American Pops Composers (2/8/14)
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Scott R. Peterson, Chorusmaster, Yakima Symphony Chorus

Scott R. Peterson is in his 36th season as chorusmaster of the Yakima Symphony Chorus, resident chorus of the YSO. During his tenure, the Yakima Symphony Chorus has performed major works from the orchestral/choral literature and has performed, in its own right, as one of the finest community choral ensembles in Washington State. They have performed all over the world including Carnegie Hall in New York, Switzerland, France, China, and, most recently, at the 2009 Advent Festival in Vienna, Austria, and Prague, Czech Republic.

Over the past three and a half decades, Dr. Peterson has been active as a performer outside the Yakima area and was a member of Male Ensemble Northwest, which is made up of professional choral conductors and has produced four CDs. In 1993, he made his Carnegie Hall debut conducting Mozart’s Requiem. He conducted the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival Chamber Chorale and Festival Chorus at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, from 2001 through 2007. He is active as an adjudicator, clinician and guest conductor throughout the region. In 2009, he conducted the Washington Music Education Association Junior High All-State Choirs in Burien and Spokane.

Dr. Peterson is a recently retired member of the music faculty at Yakima Valley Community College, where he conducted the YVCC Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. He received the Robert Leadon Teaching Award, the most prestigious faculty award at YVCC, and the President’s Award and Choral Leadership Award from the Washington State Chapter of the American Choral Director’s Association. He is also a recipient of both the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Teaching and Mentor Award from his alma mater, Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska. He now is an adjunct professor in the Choral Studies program at Central Washington University and is conductor of the CWU Men’s Chorus.

A native of Iowa, Scott Peterson received his DMA degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Washington where he conducted the UW Opera Chorus. He was granted CWU’s first MA degree in conducting, where he formed and conducted the Central Chorale, and a BA degree in music education from Midland University where he conducted the Freshmen Chorale. He also twice performed as a member of the Robert Shaw Festival Singers in Carnegie Hall under Robert Shaw. Scott and his wife, Jane, live in Yakima where she retired from the Yakima School District as a music specialist and is co-conductor of the Yakima Children’s Choir.

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2013-2014 Yakima Symphony Chorus Schedule

Upcoming Performances with the YSO

Dec. 8, 2013: Christmas Pops  4:00pm  The Capitol Theatre
April 26, 2014: Don Giovanni  7:30pm  The Capitol Theatre
May 17, 2014: WWI Centennial  7:30pm  The Capitol Theatre

Upcoming YSC Performance:
March 8, 2014: The YSC Celebrates the USO! Yakima Valley Museum

http://choralc.wix.com/chorusmaster
YVCC Salsa Band

Yakima Valley Community College’s premier instrumental ensemble is directed by Mr. David Blink. They have released three CDs of original music from its members (Clavecide! 2008, Black Salsify - 2010, Live at the Seasons 2012). The group has won awards at the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festivals for its ensemble and compositions (2006-2008). It also was a featured ensemble at the 2012 Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music Jazz Festival and 2009 NYC Latin Jazz Summit.

The group also has performed with a number of the top Latin Jazz artists in the country including: Memo Acevedo, John Santos, Miguel Zenon, Carlos Cascante and Jerry Gonzalez to name a few. In the Spring of 2014 the YVCC Salsa Band will be traveling to Yakima’s sister city in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico as an official delegation to perform in the state’s “Jazztival” festival.

YVCC Salsa Band: 2013-2014

David Blink - Director, Trumpet
Robert Nelson - Trumpet
Derek Gore - Alto Sax
Christo Rodriguez-Chen - Alto Sax
Garrett Babcock - Tenor Sax
Josh Yohe - Baritone Sax
Jeff Chapman - Trombone
Ronald Garcia-Medina - Trombone
Bart Roderick - Piano
Frank Rowland - Guitar
Jeff Norwood - Bass
Michael-David Bushman - Drums
Alex Atwood - Percussion

YSO 2013-2014 Season

Upcoming Concerts

Memorial Hospital and Memorial Physicians Pops Series
Christmas Pops Spectacular
Sunday, December 8, 2013 4:00pm
The Capitol Theatre
Lawrence Golan, Conductor
Yakima Symphony Chorus;
Dr. Scott Peterson, chorusmaster
YVCC Salsa Band; David Blink, director

KYVE47 Sinfonietta Series
Mozart, Mendelssohn, Martin & Merlot!
Saturday, January 25, 2014 7:30pm
The 4th Street Theatre
Lawrence Golan, Conductor
Mid-Columbia Ballet;
Debra Rogo, director
YSO Principal Players

Memorial Hospital and Memorial Physicians Pops Series
Say It With Music: A Symphonic Tribute to Great American Pops Composers
Saturday, February 8, 2014 7:30pm
The Capitol Theatre
Lawrence Golan, Conductor

Classical Series
Gold Medalist Meets the Great Emperor
Saturday, March 1, 2014 7:30pm
The Capitol Theatre
Lawrence Golan, Conductor
Alexander Schimpf, piano

Memorial Hospital and Memorial Physicians Pops Series
Clarinet Monsters
Saturday, March 15, 2014 7:30pm
The Capitol Theatre
Lawrence Golan, Conductor
Jeff Brooks, clarinet

Classical Series
Don Giovanni
Fully-staged opera!
Saturday, April 26, 2014 7:30pm
The Capitol Theatre
Lawrence Golan, Conductor

Vocalists from the University of Denver’s Lamont Opera Theatre;
Kenneth Cox, director;
Members of the Yakima Symphony Chorus;
Dr. Scott Peterson, chorusmaster

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